

About the School

Larbert High School is a six-year non-denominational school providing secondary education for around 1,900 pupils (in August 2019). The school is currently one of the largest in Scotland and the roll is projected to increase significantly over the coming years, making Larbert High the largest secondary in the country. The associated primary schools are Airth, Carron, Carronshore, Kinnaird, Larbert Village, Ladeside and Stenhousemuir with whom there are excellent working relationships.

The school has a complement of around 130 FTE teaching staff and a highly dedicated team of over 30 support staff. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT), led by our Acting Head Teacher (Colin Meikle), comprises 6 Depute Head Teachers (Karen Cullen, Lorna Hurren, Craig McDougall, Ashifa Naseer, Derek Paterson and Jo Wilson), and a Resource Manager (Sharon McLay). Jon Reid is our substantive Head Teacher but is seconded to work with Falkirk Council leading the connected Falkirk Project. The Depute Head Teachers and Resource Manager all have a range of strategic, curricular and organisational duties in support of our core business of learning and teaching and personal support for pupils.

Larbert is a high-achieving, ambitious school – it is important to emphasise that this is because of the role that ALL members of staff play in the school, teaching and support. Exam results are at some of their highest ever levels and the number of pupils entering a positive destination is above both the Falkirk and Scottish averages – but we have our sights set firmly on further improvements. Our curriculum is dynamic and focussed on equipping our young people with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in the future – we offer everything from the usual SQA National Examinations and an ever broadening range of other accreditations such as NPAs, Foundation Apprenticeships and HNCs.

Our improvement plan for Session 2018/2019 is formed around HGIOS4 and the National Improvement Framework. Indeed, we were inspected by HMIE in January 2017 and we were evaluated as ‘excellent’ for Leadership of change and ‘very good’ for Learning, teaching and assessment; Raising attainment and achievement and for Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion. Our report was the first Secondary report to be published with an ‘excellent’ under the increased expectations and framework of HGIOS4 – you can read the report [here](#). You’ll also note in the report that we have a strong focus on the professional development of our staff – we care about you as a leader. Working in a large, dynamic and energetic environment you will be afforded with opportunities that you may not find elsewhere – so we’ll help you continue to develop as an excellent practitioner as well as focussing on your future potential and talents.

Perhaps the most important feature of Larbert is its general ethos and character, exemplified by the wider curricular and enrichment opportunities afforded to our pupils, with an emphasis on the development of the whole person. All staff are encouraged to consider what they can offer in relation to this. The relationships between staff and pupils, and between different groups of pupils, are excellent and we go to great lengths to ensure that the pastoral care and provision for social development is second-to-none. The strategies we are employing to ‘Close the Attainment Gap’ are working and are summarised [here](#).

As a member of our staff at Larbert you will be expected to exercise a style which reflects the school’s aims and values, promotes a positive ethos of achievement, fosters strong links with parents and the wider community and develops the work of the school appropriately. You’ll get a flavour of our ethos through [this](#) short film.

Further information about the school may be obtained from our website (www.larberthigh.com), our App (available for download from the Apple and Google stores) or from our active Twitter feed (@LarbertHigh). Please note that most of our Faculties also have their own Twitter feeds.

You will be invited to visit the school if you are selected for interview. Copies of our Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report can also be downloaded from the website.